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Sir:

In this Office Action of May 22, 2003, the application was made subject to an election of species requirement. Applicants hereby elect the following species for components (A) through (D), with traverse. Each ingredient is well defined in the claims and searching the art for the components as so defined does not appear to present any difficulties with regard to such a search. Applicants provisionally elect

(A) diorganopolysiloxane having a viscosity of 20,000 mPa·s (page 16, line 20);

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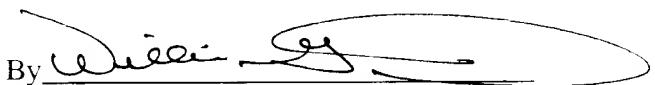
- (B) polyorganosiloxane having terminal trimethylsiloxy groups and comprised of -OSi(Me)₂-, -OSiH(Me)-, and -OSi(Me)Ph units in a molar ratio of 15.2:63.0:21.8 having a viscosity of 32.1 mm²/s at 25°C (Example 1, page 18, lines 3-6);
- (C) glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane (Example 1, page 18, line 9);
- (D) platinum catalysts soluble in polyorganosiloxanes (page 13, lines 27-28).

With respect to Component D, if a more specific catalyst is required, soluble platinum-olefin complexes are elected (page 14, lines 1,2).

The Examiner should note that it is the combination of components (B) and (C) which creates exceptional synergistic effects.

Respectfully submitted,

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